# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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U.S. HELP FOR FIGHTING TERRORISM
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the terrorists` attacks in the country in recent days were sponsored by the pak-based terrorist outfits and India has given evidence of their involvement in these attacks to the U.S. administration;

(b) if so, the reaction of the U.S. administration thereto;

(c) whether the U.S. has given assurance of its help in fighting Pak-sponsored terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has shared with a number of friendly countries, including the United States, the evidence of the involvement of Pakistan - based terrorist organisations such as Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Toiba in recent terrorist attacks in India, including on the Parliament on 13 December 2001.

(b), (c) and (d) The United States has placed Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Toiba on all three U.S. terrorist lists - Foreign Terrorist Organisations, Specially Designated Global Terrorists and Terrorist Exclusion List - and initiated punitive measures prescribed under its domestic law. In addition, the United States has called upon Pakistan to take steps to crack down on terrorism emanating from Pakistan and to take decisive action against Lashkar-e-Toiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed and other terrorist organisations, their leaders, finances and activities. India and the United States also have on-going cooperation covering institutional, law enforcement, financial, military and intelligence aspects of counter-terrorism.